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SUBJECT: "SHARANSKY HEARING" IN STOCKHOLM

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1. SWEDISH DAILY DAGENS NYHETER CARRIES THE ONLY REPORT
THUS FAR ON THE "SHARANSKY HEARING" HELD IN STOCKHOLM ON
AUGUST 23 (REFTEL). HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE
SWEDISH COMMITTEE FOR RUSSIAN JEWS, AND PRESIDED OVER BY
THE PRESIDENT OF THE COURT OF APPEALS HARJE STENBERG, A
SMALL AUDIENCE LISTENED TO A VARIETY OF SWEDISH AND FOREIGN
SPEAKERS DISCUSS AND DENOUNCE SOVIET RESTRICTIONS ON JEWISH
EMIGRATION FROM THE SOVIET UNION. SPEAKERS INCLUDED LIBERAL
MP LADY SEEAR FROM THE UK, PROFESSOR THOROLF RAFTO FROM NORWAY,
DR. JOOP MEIJERS FROM THE NETHERLANDS, FORMER
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MINISTER DANIEL MAYER FROM FRANCE, PROFESSOR
BARUCH EYAL FROM ISRAEL AND RABBI BENT MELCHIOR FROM
DENMARK. SHARANSKY'S WIFE, NATALJA, WHO WAS
REPORTEDLY EXPELLED FROM THE USSR IN 1974 THE
DAY FOLLOWING HER MARRIAGE TO SHARANSKY, ALSO
PARTICIPATED IN THE MEETING.

2. ACCORDING TO THE PAPER, LOS ANGELES TIMES
CORRESPONDENT ROBERT TOTH SAID IN A RECORDING PLAYED
AT THE HEARING THAT HE HAD BEEN FORCED TO SIGN A FALSE
STATEMENT REGARDING SHARANSKY'S ALLEGED CONTACTS WITH
THE CIA BEFORE HE WAS EXPELLED FROM THE USSR.

3. ALL SPEAKERS REPORTEDLY DENOUNCED SHARANSKY'S
ARREST AND REJECTED THE CHARGE THAT HE WAS IN ANY WAY
CONNECTED WITH THE CIA. THEY EMPHASIZED THAT
SHARANSKY'S TREATMENT BY SOVIET AUTHORITIES IS MEANT
TO DETER OTHER SOVIET JEWS WHO WISH TO EMIGRATE TO
ISRAEL.

4. IN A DECLARATION, ADOPTED AT THE CLOSE OF THE MEETING,
HEARING PARTICIPANTS URGED THE SOVIET UNION TO HONOR THE HELSINKI
AGREEMENT REGARDING THE FREE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLES, INSISTING THAT
SHARANSKY BE RELEASED FROM JAIL AND PERMITTED TO EMIGRATE. IN
ADDITION TO CENTER PARTY MP RUNE TORWALD, AT WHOSE
INITIATIVE THE HEARING WAS HELD, SIGNATORIES TO THE
DECLARATION INCLUDED MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT OF ALL OTHER
NON-COMMUNIST POLITICAL PARTIES IN SWEDEN.
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